

1 the Chair recognizes Delegate Maurer to speak to the
2 amendment.

3 DELEGATE MAURER: Mr. Chairman, the effect
4 of the amendment Number 17 is to provide that all
5 heads of principal departments will be single executives,
6 except in the event that the state public school system
7 or any of the institutions of higher learning are set up
8 as principal departments.

9 The minority report as it was drawn, I felt, did
10 a disservice to the school system and to the institutions
11 of higher learning. They provided that if they should
12 become a principal department, then the head of it would
13 be a single executive, in that event doing away with the
14 state Board of Education and the Regents of the University.

15 As this amendment is drawn, it sets up the ex-
16 ception and provides for single executives to head other
17 agencies.

18 While I have been in on the debates in the
19 Committee very strong in my conviction that the school
20 system, both regular schools and the schools representing
21 higher learning should be in a relatively protected position